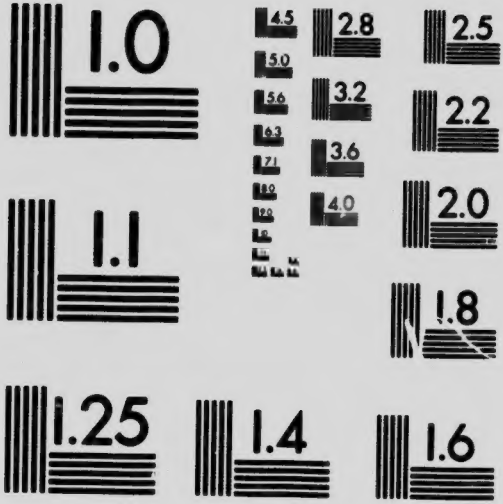

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The Ontario Branch of The Canadian Red Cross Society

Name.

The Branch shall be known as the Canadian Red Cross Society, Ontario Branch.

Objects.

1. To furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in time of war, in accordance with the spirit and conditions of the conference of Geneva of October, 1863, and also of the treaty of the Red Cross or the treaty of Geneva of August twenty-second, 1864, to which Great Britain has given its adhesion.

2. To perform all the duties devolved upon a national society by each nation which acceded to said treaty, but in affiliation with the said British Red Cross Society.

3. In time of peace or war to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world.

4. To organize Local Branches of the Society in the Province of Ontario.

5. To carry out within the Province of Ontario the policy decided upon from time to time by the Central Council of the Society.

6. To act as the auxiliary of the Medical Services of the Militia Department within Ontario.

7. To assist the Provincial Government of Ontario in promoting health and preventing disease within the Province.

8. To organize an emergency service, including personnel and materials, for immediate use in times of disaster or epidemics in co-operation with other voluntary societies and the Provincial Health Authorities.

9. To encourage and co-operate with other voluntary agencies having like aims, and to promote through the individual membership of the Society a sense of personal responsibility for the betterment of health and prevention of disease.

10. To disseminate information as to world-wide efforts of the Red Cross in promoting health and prevention of disease.

Membership. Every member, either Life or Annual, in good standing, shall be entitled to vote in the Branch in which he is enrolled.

Junior Member. Junior Branches may be organized in accordance with the legislation of the Dominion Council.

Governing Body. The governing body of the Provincial Branch shall be a Council consisting of representatives elected by Local

Branches, together with the Officers and Executive Committee, Heads of Departments of Provincial work and Conveners of Standing Committees, appointed by the Council or Executive.

Each regularly Chartered Senior Local Branch shall be entitled to one representative for every three hundred members or fraction thereof of the total registered membership of Life or Annual Members of the Branch, but no Branch shall be entitled to more than ten representatives.

Honorary President.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the Province shall be the Honorary President of the Branch.

Officers.

The Officers shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, and an Honorary Solicitor.

Executive Committee.

There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the Officers and ten elected members.

In order to secure adequate representation of the Province on the Executive, out of the ten members of the Executive, one shall be elected from the counties included in Military District No. 1, one from Military District No. 2, and one from Military District No. 3.

Head Office.

The Head Office shall be in Toronto.

Annual Meeting of Council.

The Annual Meeting of the Council shall be held at a date to be fixed by the Executive Committee, and in agreement with the requirements of the Dominion Council. Notice of the meetings shall be given by registered post five weeks before the date fixed for the meeting.

Elections.

The Officers and Executive shall be elected at each Annual Meeting. The elections shall be by ballot unless this rule is suspended by unanimous vote.

The Executive shall have power to fill vacancies for the unexpired period of the year.

Government.

Subject to the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations of the General Society, the Council of the Provincial Branch shall have full power to organize Local Red Cross Branches throughout the Province, make rules and regulations governing same and perform all such other acts as will foster and encourage the active work of the Society.

When the Council is not in session the Executive Committee shall have and shall exercise all the powers of the Council.

The Council or the Executive Committee shall have power to appoint Special Committees and to appoint on same members of the Society who may not be members of the Executive or Council.

The Executive shall prepare annually a certified balance sheet showing all monies received either directly by them or from Branches, together with the details of the manner in which such monies have been invested or expended, and shall furnish such other information as may be required by the Council or by the Central Organization.

Meetings.

Meetings of the Council may be called by the President or at the written official request of not less than ten Local Branches.

Meetings of the Executive may be called by the President or on request of any three members of the Executive.

Representatives of fifteen Branches shall constitute a quorum of the Council. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive.

Representatives of this Provincial Branch on the Central Council of the Society shall be elected at each Annual Meeting.

Duties of Officers.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Executive and shall perform all duties incidental to the office.

In the absence of the President or in the case of his inability to act, his powers and duties shall devolve upon a Vice-President or upon a member of the Executive specially named by the Executive for that purpose.

The President shall be *ex officio* a member of all Committees.

He shall sign all Minutes after approval.

The Honorary Treasurer shall have care and custody of all funds and securities and deposit the same in the name of the Provincial Branch in such bank or banks or invest the same in such secutiries as the Council or the Executive shall determine.

All cheques, drafts, notes or orders shall be signed by any two of the following : The President, a Vice-President, Honorary Treasurer, Treasurer, or such other member of

the Executive Committee as may be appointed for the purpose.

The duties of the Honorary Secretary shall be to have charge of the Minute Books and of the other books of the Branch and to perform such other duties as are incidental to his office or as defined by the Executive.

The Executive shall have the power to engage such staff and to incur expenditures as may be properly required for the prosecution of the work.

Auditor.

An Auditor shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Council who shall examine and audit the books and submit a report at the next ensuing Annual Meeting.

Changes and Amendments.

The Constitution and By-laws may be amended or repealed and additional By-laws may be passed and adopted from time to time by the Council, but only after and not until due notice embodying such amendments or additional By-laws shall have been given by the Secretary by registered letter mailed to the Secretary of each Local Branch five weeks before the day of the meeting at which such amendments or changes are to be considered and no such amendments or additional By-laws shall be duly passed or take effect unless approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at such meeting.

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